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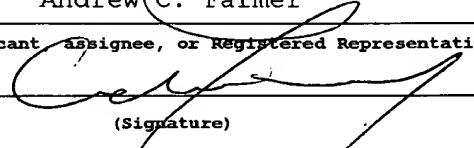


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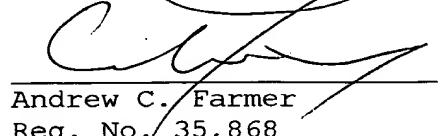
SUBMISSION OF COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 53(f) and Rule 54, please find enclosed a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the application of Paul William Watt, and a second Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the same application for Reginald Stilwell, and Alan LeBlanc entitled BIOPOLYMER SPONGE TUBES, SURGICAL STAPLERS AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF attorney Docket No. JJM-381, to complete, pursuant to Rule 51, this application filed on October 1, 1998 by Express Mail pursuant to Rule 10. As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is also attached.

Please charge Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/JJM-381/ACF in the amounts of \$130.00 for submission of the Declaration pursuant to Section 1.16(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0750/JJM-381/ACF. This sheet is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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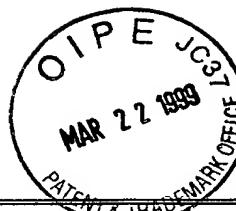
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